



Central Virginia VA Health Care System

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

With a Focus in Psychiatry

Richmond, Virginia

Program Description

Our residency is a one-year, full-time, ASHP-accredited program that provides one resident per year an intensive experience in delivering comprehensive pharmaceutical care to the veteran population with a focus on mental health services.

We prepare the pharmacist clinician to obtain a position as a clinical pharmacy practitioner, to begin a career in academia, or to continue residency training as a PGY2 resident in a focused area of practice.



The Central Virginia VA Health Care System is a 400 bed tertiary referral medical center serving approximately 50,000 veterans annually. Our medical center is a teaching facility with an academic affiliation with VCU Medical Center and the Medical College of Virginia.

Psychiatry-Focused Rotations

- Inpatient psychiatry
- Outpatient mental health
- Substance use disorders
- Residency project

Additional Required Rotations

- Orientation
- Acute care selective (pick 2) — cardiology, critical care, internal medicine, spinal cord injury, or polytrauma/traumatic brain injury
- Anticoagulation management
- Geriatrics selective (pick 1) — community living center or home-based primary care
- Primary care
- Pharmacy management/drug information

This program is very similar to our traditional PGY1 program. All of the electives have been designed for the resident who has a particular interest in psychiatry.

Progressive Practice Setting

- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Residents work under their pharmacy preceptors' scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- Residents gain experience in the clinical and didactic teaching of pharmacy students, including optional participation in the Teaching and Learning Certificate Program offered by the VCU School of Pharmacy
- Teaching and presentations, including clinical seminars, case conferences, and journal club discussions are integrated into the program
- Resident-led topic discussions and clinical seminars provide public speaking opportunities

Unique Opportunities in Interprofessional Education

- Specific training in motivational interviewing
- Lead mental health focused seminars in collaboration with PGY2 mental health pharmacy resident
- Integrated patient education & motivational groups
- Opportunity to extend training into a PGY2 residency



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Resident Benefits

- Annual stipend (\$42,997 in 2022-2023)
- Vacation time and sick leave accrue throughout the year
- Federal holidays
- Medical and life insurance
- Tuition and travel support to attend a residency conference in Spring 2023
- Administrative leave for other professional meetings



Richmond, the capital of Virginia, consistently ranks among "Best Places to Live and Work in America" in several national publications. While offering easy access to the ocean and mountains, Richmond features historic landmarks and neighborhoods, stylish shopping and restaurants, and a temperate climate that is suitable for year-round outdoor activities.

Qualification of Applicants

All applicants must be United States citizens, must be licensed pharmacists or eligible for licensure in at least one state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, and must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a school or college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. If not licensed at the beginning of the residency, the resident will make arrangements for examination and licensure as soon as possible. Applicants must be in good physical and mental health and of good moral character and personality. They must possess the unique aptitude, initiative, and motivation to practice clinical pharmacy, especially in regard to direct patient care.

Application Procedure

1. **Apply to our PGY1 – Psychiatry program via PhORCAS by Monday, January 3rd, 2022.**
We prefer that your three reference writers are instructors who have observed you in clinical practice.
2. **Applications will be reviewed, and virtual interviews will be extended to selected candidates.**
3. **Candidates will be ranked and positions filled using the National Matching Service (NMS). Our NMS program code is 290621.**



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